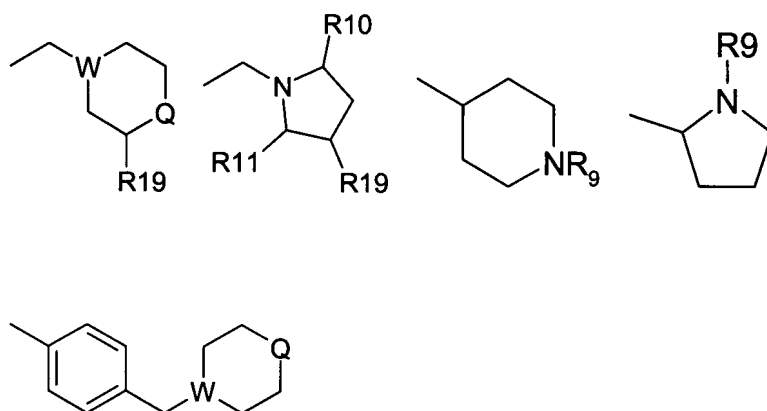


R_1 is H, CN, halogen, $-\text{CONH}_2$, $-\text{COOR}_{15}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{18}$, $\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$, NHCH_2R_5 , NHR_{20} , $\text{NR}_{21}\text{R}_{22}$, $\text{NHC}(\text{NH})\text{NHCH}_3$ or, in case the compound is of formula (II) wherein the optional double bond exists or in case R_2 or R_3 is benzyloxy or a group of formula (IIIa), R_1 can also be $-\text{NO}_2$ or $\text{NR}_{16}\text{R}_{17}$;

R_4 is H, $-\text{NO}_2$, CN, halogen, $-\text{CONH}_2$, $-\text{COOR}_{15}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{NR}_{15}\text{R}_{18}$, $-\text{NR}_{16}\text{R}_{17}$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}_5$ or $-\text{NHC}(\text{NH})\text{NHCH}_3$;

R_5 is alkyl substituted with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino and hydroxy, or carboxyalkyl, in which the alkyl portion is optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino and hydroxyl, $-\text{CHR}_6\text{NR}_7\text{R}_8$ or one of the following groups:



W is N or CH;

Q is CHR_{14} , NR_9 , S or O;

R_6 is H or lower alkyl;

R_7 and R_8 are independently H, acyl, lower alkyl or lower hydroxyalkyl;

R_9 is H, lower alkyl or phenyl;

R_{10} and R_{11} are independently H or lower alkyl;

R₁₂ is H or lower alkyl;

R₁₃ is H, alkylsulfonyl or acyl;

R₁₄ is H, -OH, -COOR₁₅;

R₁₅ is H or lower alkyl;

R₁₆ and R₁₇ are independently H, acyl, alkylsulfonyl, -C(S)NHR₁₈ or
-C(O)NHR₁₈;

R₁₈ is H or lower alkyl;

R₁₉ is H or -OH;

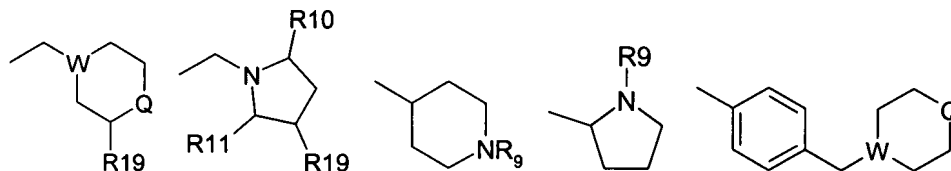
R₂₀ is a pyridinyl group optionally substituted with a -NO₂ group;

R₂₁ and R₂₂ are lower alkyl;

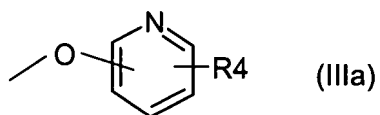
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is -NHC(O)R₅, X
is O, Y is CH₂ and Z is CHR₁₂.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein Z is CH₂ and R₅ is
alkyl substituted with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen,
amino and hydroxy, or carboxyalkyl, in which the alkyl portion is optionally substituted
with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino and
hydroxyl, -CHR₆NR₇R₈ or one of the following groups:



4. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 or R_3 is a benzyloxy or a group of formula (IIIa)



5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4 wherein R_4 is NO_2 .
6. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 4 wherein R_1 is NO_2 .

Claims 7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 5 wherein R_1 is NO_2 .